

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

As someone who has worked in the media for 40 years, I have seen a continuing loss of local news coverage in print and broadcast media. This decline is noted sadly by people I have contact with in Connecticut's towns, people who wonder how their fellow citizens will learn about and help determine solutions to local concerns. And all this to boost corporate profits from 20% to 50% and more. Is that all that matters in media services? Please help preserve American democracy by preserving media diversity.